

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5259  
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SINGAPORE FOR SEC BERGLAND

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAGR, CH, US  
SUBJECT: CHINESE REACTION ON SECRETARY BERGLAND'S COMMENTS ON  
POSSIBLE U.S. WHEAT SALES TO PRC

1. ACCORDING TO HONG KONG'S PRC-CONTROLLED NEW EVENING POST,  
"CHINESE TRADE OFFICIALS ARE OBVIOUSLY READING AND LISTENING "TO  
THE WORDS OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BERGLAND THAT U.S. IS WILLING  
TO SELL WHEAT TO CHINA ON CREDIT.

2. IN FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL FRIDAY, NEWSPAPER CHARACTERIZED  
THE SECRETARY'S NEWS CONFERENCE COMMENTS AS AN "ADVERTISEMENT"  
FOR U.S. WHEAT IN WHICH HE "WANTED TO SELL THE IDG" THAT  
A) THE U.S. HAD ESTABLISHED RULES TO SUPERVISE AND INSPECT WHEAT  
TO GUARANTEE QUALITY, B) U.S. WHEAT PRICES WILL NEVER BE LOWER,  
AND C) THE U.S. IS WILLING TO SELL WHEAT TO CHINA ON CREDIT.  
THE EDITORIAL ENDED BY NOTING THAT CHINESE TRADE OFFICIALS ARE  
"OLD MASTERS AT JUDGING WHETHER AN ADVERTISEMENT IS GOOD  
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OR BAD".

3. FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL IN SAN PAPER SATURDAY MENTIONED THAT  
SECRETARY BERGLAND DID NOT VISIT TAIWAN ON THIS TRIP AND TOOK  
THIS AS A FURTHER SIGN OF TAIWAN'S GROWING ISOLATION AND U.S.  
MOVEMENT TOWARD NORMALIZATION WITH PEKING.  
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